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SUBJECT: ICAO CONFERENCE ON DANISH AND ICELANDIC

JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS

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1. EMBASSY FEBRUARY 11 DISCUSSED FRG PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM FOR ICAO MEETING ON DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH SCHMUCK OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. HE SAID FRG INTENDED TO BRING UP FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING TERMS OF JOINT FINANCING. HE NOTED THAT WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN AIRCRAFT SIZE, SPEED AND OPERATING ALTITUDES, IMPORTANCE OF WEATHER INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC HAD BECOME RELATIVELY LESS IMPORTANT FOR AIRCRAFT GOING DIRECTLY FROM EUROPE TO NORTH AMERICA VIS-A-VIS TRAFFIC GOING TO ICELAND AND GREENLAND. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEREFORE THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH OPERATORS OF DIRECT FLIGHTS PAY TWO THIRDS OF COST SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED. SCHMUCK SAID THE FRG DID NOT EXPECT THE MEETING IN MONTREAL MARCH L-L6 TO MAKE ANY DECISION ON THIS MATTER, BUT HOPED THAT THERE COULD BE AGREEMENT THAT A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM BE UNDERTAKEN.

2. FRG ALSO CONCERNED WITH QUESTION OF ALLOWING VOTING RIGHTS TO NON-ADHERING STATES WHO WILL BE PRESENT AT MONTREAL. HE SAID THAT THE ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL HAD URGED THAT THIS BE DONE AND THERE WAS PRECEDENT FOR SO DOING. FRG, HOWEVER, IS OPPOSED. SCHMUCK POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE LAST MEETING, SOME MEMBERS OF THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENT HAD WITHDRAWN AND THAT THERE ARE NOW ALMOST AS MANY NON-ADHERENT AS ADHERENT STATES FLYING THE NORTH ATLANTIC. TO PERMIT NON-ADHERENTS TO VOTE ON SOME MATTERS WOULD, IN THE FRG VIEW, TEND TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM BECOMING ADHERENTS AND ENCOURAGE PRESENT ADHERENTS TO WITHDRAW. SCHMUCK SAID HE WAS TELEGRAMING ALL THE MEMBER STATES IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE TO MAKE KNOWN THE FRG VIEWS. STOESSEL

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